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IOWA ATTORNEY GENERAL — NATIONWIDE TO PAY \$5.5 MILLION IN MULTISTATE SETTLEMENT

Data Breach. An October 2012 data breach of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company exposed personal information from around 1.3 million consumers, including 91,620 Iowans. Attorneys General from 32 states plus the District of Columbia filed suit alleging that the breach occurred after Nationwide failed to apply a critical security patch.

Settlement. As part of the multistate settlement, Nationwide will enhance its online security practices and pay \$5.5 million to the Attorneys General. The settlement with Nationwide and its subsidiary, Allied Property and Casualty Insurance Company, includes a payment of nearly \$322,000 to Iowa. The settlement requires payment from Nationwide to the Attorneys General within 30 days of August 9, 2017, the effective date of the assurance.

Fiscal Impact. The payment of nearly \$322,000 will be deposited into the State's [Consumer Education and Litigation Fund](#) under the Iowa Department of Justice.

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